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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-9, without prejudice.

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~~10.~~ (New) A power oscillating hand tool comprising:

a drive unit;

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a carrier plate interconnected to the drive unit, the carrier plate including a plurality of first holes, each of the plurality of first holes partially defined by an inwardly projecting detent extending from one side thereof, the carrier further including a plurality of second holes, *at least* one of the second holes formed adjacent each of the first holes and providing an inward spring bias to the detents; and

a platen releasably secured on the carrier plate including a plurality of projections extending from an upper surface thereof, each projection extending through an associated first hole and cooperating with the associated first hole to maintain the platen on the carrier;

the detents each being biased into contact with an associated one of the projections.

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~~11.~~ (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~10~~, wherein each of the projections includes a hook.

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12. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~11~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein the hook of each of the projections includes a flat face abutting a substantially vertical face of the associated first hole.

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13. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~10~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein each of the first holes is partially defined by a substantially horizontal platform abutting an underside of an associated one of the projections.

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14. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~10~~<sup>1</sup>, further comprising a central boss and wherein the first holes are radially spaced about the central boss.

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15. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~14~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein the plurality of first holes includes three first holes equally spaced radially about the central boss.

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16. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~10~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the platen includes a first ramp surface and the carrier plate includes a second ramp surface, the first and second ramp surfaces cooperating to secure a tip portion of the platen to the carrier plate.

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17. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~10~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein each of the first holes extends completely through the carrier plate.

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18. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~10~~, wherein the tool is a sander.

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19. (New) A power oscillating hand tool comprising:

a drive unit;

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a carrier plate interconnected to the drive unit, the carrier plate including a plurality of first holes, each ~~the~~ first holes extending between a lower side of the carrier plate and an upper side of the carrier plate; and

a platen releasably secured on the carrier plate including a plurality of projections extending from an upper surface thereof, each projection corresponding to one ~~the~~ first holes and including a portion abutting the upper side of the carrier plate.

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20. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~19~~, wherein each of the projections includes a hook.

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21. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~20~~, wherein the hook of each of the projections includes a flat face abutting a substantially vertical face of the associated first hole.

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22. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim ~~19~~, wherein each of the first holes is partially defined by a substantially horizontal platform abutting an underside of

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an associated one of the projections.

<sup>14</sup>  
~~23~~. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim <sup>10</sup>~~19~~, further comprising a central boss and wherein the first holes are radially spaced about the central boss.

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~~24~~. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim <sup>14</sup>~~23~~, wherein the plurality of first holes includes three first holes equally spaced radially about the central boss.

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~~25~~. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim <sup>10</sup>~~19~~, wherein the platen includes a first ramp surface and the carrier plate includes a second ramp surface, the first and second ramp surfaces cooperating to secure a tip portion of the platen to the carrier plate.

<sup>17</sup>  
~~26~~. (New) The power oscillating hand tool of Claim <sup>10</sup>~~19~~, wherein the tool is a sander.

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~~27~~. (New) A power oscillating hand tool comprising:  
a drive unit;  
a carrier plate interconnected to the drive unit, the carrier plate including a tip portion and a first ramp surface;  
a platen releasably secured on the carrier plate, the platen including a

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